Fantasia Fair 26

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Activities for Sunday Oct 15

11 – 12	Unitarian Service	*UUM*
1 – 5 pm	**Registration**	***PRS***
4 – 7 pm	**Wine and Cheese**	***Crown & Anchor***

Activities for Monday Oct 16th

9-11:00	*Orientation Welcome Breakfast*	*Stormy H*
10-11:30	*SO's Orientation*	*C & A*
12– 1:45	***Lunch*** *Miller-Growing at FanFair,*	*Stormy H*
2 – 4	*Gender Journey Kane/Prok*	*Stormy H*
2 – 4	*Currys- Surviving TG Relationship*	*C & A*
2 – 4	*Miqqi A.Gilbert -Fashion Show*	*Vixen*
5:30 - 8	*Progressive Dinner – meet at Fairbanks Inn*	
8:00-11	*Fun & Games – ...Millionairess?*	*UU Church*

Daily Workshops & Events

TG Week Offerings at Extra Cost:

Mon–Sun Photo Shoot w/ Mariette Pathy-Allen by appt
Tue-Sat 9:30-10:30 Personal Development w/Niela Miller
Tue-Sat 10:45-11:45 Adv Personal Growth, Niela Miller
Thur-Sat 2-3pm Communing & Growing w/Niela Miller
Fri-Sat All Day – Makeovers w/Femme Fever by appt

FanFair Offerings at No Extra Cost:

Mon-Sun 8:30-9:30 Casual Exercise, MWF-Walking, Tue &Thu Biking w/Victoria Loc -Vixen
Mon-Sun 4-6 pm (Wed 5-7) Drop-in Conversations w/Barbara Curry & Diane Ciccotello Loc C & A
Fri–Sat 9 am -4 pm Makeovers by Jerry Johnson & Katrina Fox Loc TBA

Fair Office- Provincetown Reservations Service. Location initials correspond to those in your Program Guide and Map, followed by the name of each presenter and the meeting place. Please note those involving extra cost. TBA's will be announced, and printed daily in this newsletter.

Welcome All

Its Fantasia Fair 2000 and its great to be back! For new people, you have let yourself in for a treat! See all those broad smiles on everyone's face? The Fair is a unique experience of educational and social activities plus one heck of a party. There are so many things to do and learn that we recommend planning to do as much as possible while you are here. The more you are involved, the more you will grow and find your personal freedom. This paper will keep you advised of the next day events, messages, stories, and any last minute program changes. Provincetown has one of the most diverse populations in the world and you are welcome to explore beyond your previous limitations. Fantasia Fair has become a tradition here in P-town every fall. Locals look forward to it almost as much as we do! Feel free to shop and stroll around town. You'll find that you'll be welcome everywhere you go. Here are a few tips:

Do go shopping. There are some terrific shops to browse. Plan a dinner out with some of your Fair sisters. Great eateries here too! Definitely be an entrant in the ***Fashion Show*** and be a part of ***The Follies.*** Smile and be friendly, you will make some friends that may be with you forever. And, **Don't miss anything**!

Do have seconds at luncheons and dinners, if you must, but definitely behave in a ladylike manner and be assured that everyone has already eaten.

Don't drive in this town, its too crowded. You're better off walking. Parking is a big problem. Don't be afraid of the police either, they are always ready to help you. Oh, and don't forget to keep your Program Guide and map with you so you don't get lost.

Enjoy! BV

This Newsletter was written with love by Brenda Viola, with a little help from her friends. Newsletter layout, Kerri Reeder. Schedules via Miqqi Alicia Gilbert.

Quote of the Day – "Above all, remember that the most important thing you can take anywhere is not a Gucci bag, or French cut jeans...it's an open mind" Gail Reuben Bereny

Call for FASHION SHOW Participants

The Fantasia Fair Fashion Show is *the* place to be on Wednesday evening. Join your Fair sisters as they show off some of their fashion savvy walking down the runway to the appreciative applause of local girl watchers. People come from all over the Cape just to see YOU. No one can explain to you the thrill of changing clothes, sharing mirrors, checking makeup and hair dos, four times in a tiny dressing room with twenty of your Fair sisters! It is truly an event to remember.

You Hostess for the festivities is our own Miqqi Alicia Gilbert, someone who really knows her way around the stage! Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to display your tastes in each of four categories, from sportswear and accessories, to elegant dresses, gowns and formal wear. Modeling and deportment specialist, Martha Rice, will be on hand to coach you with runway do's and don'ts and encourage you to a more beautiful presentation. Ooh Baby! You gonna look sooo good!!!

Sign up Monday morning's orientation at Stormy Harbour, or Monday afternoon at the Vixen Room. Rehearsal is at 2 pm , at Pilgrim House on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon.. BV

Slip into something COMFORTABLE when you come home.

Pajama Parties are a part of life that many of us girls have never had the opportunity to experience until now. Get to know your Fair sisters. Share your daily ups, downs and all arounds! Visit some friend at another guest house. Stay up all night gabbing and still be worth something in the morning! You can always plaster down those baggy eyes tomorrow! See your House Mother for details and **PARTY, PARTY, PARTY!!!**

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LOOKING BACK

Throughout the course of the week, we will be taking a look back at some of the past 23 Fantasia Fairs. Each Fair has its own dynamic and personality. Each year, by the end of the week, I hear just about every Fair veteran say "This has been the best Fair ever!:". Oh sure each one has had its own Fashion Show and Follies, banquets galore, fascinating workshops, seminars, and tears of joy and fear. But it is the incredible mixture of diversity and expression that makes each Fair unique. Look on the back pages of your Program Guide and you will see a sample of the names of a few of the dynamos who have lent their personalities to the Fair. Its been fun searching back through some of the archives, talking to past Fair attendees, looking at old newsletters and Program Guides (when there were such things!) for outstanding events. What I found was that there didn't seem to be one Fair that stood out among the rest. Each and every one is its own memorable experience. Join me here every day to check out a few of them. Of course, I would love to hear what you have to say as well. BV

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Inn or House	Phone 487-#
Pilgrim House	6424
Elephant Walk	2543
Gabriel's	3232
Chicago House	0537
Roomers	3532
Bayshore	9133
Fairbanks Inn	0386
Watermark	0165

Restaurants – Napi's 487-1145, Governor Bradford 487-1004, Stormy Harbor 487-1680, Boatslip 487-4200, Michael Shay's 487-3368, Sal's 487-0000,

Fantasia Fair Office– Provincetown Reservation Service 293 Commercial St. 487-2400

LOST, DAZED, OR CONFUSED ?

If you feel lost, dazed, or confused, there are many people at the Fair who can help you. The Fan Fair Staff is available, every day at the lunch meetings or at the PRS. Your House Mother is most likely a veteran of past Fairs and will be able to assist you , either on the streets, or at your House.

Provincetown itself is a very diverse community. You're not going to shock anyone here! The Police Dept. is helpful, knowledgeable and experienced. Just dial 911 if you need them, or flag down an officer at any time.

The Chamber of Commerce and all the local merchants welcome you. Besides giving them business, we definitely add delightful color to the area. This is their post season, so many shops will be having sales. There are some great bargains out there!

The potty question is easily answered. Many P-town public rest rooms are unisex, so please use the facilities you, and others around you, feel most comfortable with.

We are guests here, and we all represent Fantasia Fair. We should conduct ourselves with that in mind.

Enjoy yourself! You are part of a unique experience in an wonderful town that loves us. BV

I HATE TO MISS ANYTHING!

Remember, all seminars, workshops, and events need to be registered for, either at sign up, or at the Fair Office at the Provincetown Reservations Service. Note that some workshops are offered at an extra cost.

Event tickets are needed for each Luncheon Seminar, Dinner, and evening Event. They are all color coordinated for easy use. Please bring the proper ticket to each event. The village map in your Program Guide will help you find your way to each meeting place. Keep it handy.

NEW FOR FANTASIA FAIR 2000

Fantasia Fair has always had its share of incredibly caring professionals and staff. Some come to the Fair every year and some come when they can. Sadly we will miss a few at this Fair. All, however, have been dearly loved and appreciated. This year we have some new office people as well as professionals contributing to our further education. Say hello and meet them all.

Fair Administrator Candy Scott, will handle the administrative chores for Fair Director Alison Laing. Victoria will be offering daily casual exercises.

New Cont'd

Returning professionals, plus some new ones, are offering a multitude of workshops and seminars that will help you on your way to oneness. A few are available for private sessions. Cost varies so speak to each individually. I will post whatever info I can.

Sexologist Sandra Cole will be giving workshops during the second half of the Fair. Much loved TG speaker, Diane Ciccotello The renowned Niela Miller is back for her 19th (?) Fair offering her week-long program (extra cost $) that facilitates self-growth as well as giving us a luncheon talk, "Growing Up at FanFair". Famed TG photographer, Mariette Pathy Allen, will make herself available for individual portraits all through the week (extra cost $) and will also give guidance in taking our own pics.

Fair Director Alison Laing will be speaking on numerous subjects including our TG spirituality. Philosopher Miqqi Alicia Gilbert speaks about crossdressing while also hostessing The Fashion Show with Andrea Susan. Diane Ellaborne is also a therapist who lends us her expertise as a facilitator on Saturday. Our F to M Brothers, Jeff Brody, Tony Bareto-Neto, and James Green are here to help us learn while celebrating all of our diversity. Consultant, and Celebrity, Ariadne Kane will team up with OGIS board member sociologist David Prok for some interesting discussions on gender and its many expressions. Dr Arthur Brandt will speak about hormones and you.

Gifted plastic surgeon, Dr Douglas Osterhout will present a program devoted to his trans specialties. Our beloved Dallas Denny, Diane Sutton, Darryl Hill, Jo Utschig, Brenda Viola are lending us their time and knowledge. Barb & Susan Curry will talk about TG marriages, while Barbara will team up with Diane Ciccotello for afternoon 'chats'. Jill Richards will take over the reins of The FanFair Follies this year as well as giving us her own cabaret show on Tuesday night.

All of these wonderful people have gathered with us on Old Cape Cod for another Fabulous Fantasia Fair. Even with this learned staff of professionals, none of this can happen with you, the Fair participant. We are responsible for the success of each Fair. And all we have to do is get out there, use it to our advantage, take part in everything you can, and by all means Enjoy ! BV

Subject: Epiphany and photography

As a significant other of a transgendered person, I carry around a lot of extra baggage. It is not that I don't love my partner. Love has nothing to do with it. I get tired of having to adjust us, both my partners and myself to what others think and what others perceive. For me it is exhausting. I don't want to have to think about "it". I just want to be. Some therapist would say that my response is a typical female response. Women accept and suffer. Women acquiesce and find a way to survive. In my evening of reflection, I looked at the photographs on my dresser. I 'd like to say that I was dusting my dresser, but to be truly honest, I never dust my dresser, unless my mother is coming. Is that being a woman, or is that training and social conditioning. I'll leave that thought for another moment and share with you my epiphany. The photographs on my chest of drawers are of my brothers and their wedding pictures. A photo of my Mom's seventy-fifth birthday and a picture of Brenda and I. My bedroom furniture is a display case for love and commitment. Why isn't there a picture of me? A Ha! The epiphany. My being, my person, my gender, has never been in discordance. My partner has. I don't need to display that I am. I am what I am. My partner has not had that luxury. My partner has had to spend more than ¾ of adult life plagiarizing existence. I haven't. I 've been dealing with the mundane issues of life and parental expectations, familial love and social expectations. Some where in my mind I have been sympathetic but also distant. In my heart of hearts, I think, so you want to be a woman, join the ranks. The epiphany is that I now understand why pictures are so important. I don't need a picture to affirm who I am. I look in the mirror and the reflection fits the soul. That cannot be said for my partner. The reflection is a disparity between heart and soul. Ergo, the photograph. The photograph capsules the true heart and soul of my partner. I may not have figured it out before, but I will tell you that every picture ever taken of Brenda and I show two beaming faces full of life and commitment. That is the life I want to celebrate on my dresser. That is the world I want surrounding me in my sleep. Jo Utschig

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS !

Volunteers are needed for just about everything. Help the Fair, and yourself, and have some real meaningful fun! You may have noticed that most events are run by many of the Fair goers themselves. We love the Fair, and the Fair loves us! You might even get your name in this paper!

Reporters are needed to type, relay messages, conduct interviews, and pound the streets looking for stories for the editor. If interested, please contact Brenda at Chicago House. I am usually available mornings. BV

Extra - Extra

Each house or inn has a House Mother who will give you all the nitty gritty details of what's going on all week. Your House Mother is also responsible for the pick-up and delivery of this newsletter from the Office to you. Keeping it with you will keep you on top of any program, or time, changes in the preprinted schedule. **House Mothers** (or anyone else!) Feel free to submit any interesting news from your house to Brenda at Chicago House any morning for publication. All articles will be considered. BV

Welcome to FANTASIA FAIR 2000

Continuing into the New Millennium

Celebrating Its 26th Year of Learning

to Be Yourself,

While Being Yourself